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1. Partisan bands, which were extremely active in various parts of Rumania in the years immediately following World War II have been, since 1950, far less active although it is common knowledge in Rumania that some bands are still active. [redacted] the following incidents, which have a bearing on partisan activities:

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- a. [redacted] in 1949 [redacted] stated that the area around Bistrita was so disturbed that when traveling after dark by car he always had an escort of two police on motorcycles.

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- b. In 1951 [redacted] said that he dared not go out into the country after dark for fear of being attacked by partisans.

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[redacted] The worst areas were around Rodna, Teregova, and Caransebes, three policemen being killed in one week near the last-named place.

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- d. In the summer of 1951 all the pharmacists of the town of Campulung were arrested suddenly as a cache of medical supplies originating from the town had been found by the police in the course of a raid in the mountains.

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[redacted] one of the pharmacists, a certain Kiritza, [redacted] had been tortured and sentenced to forced labor; he is now working on the Danube-Black Sea Canal.

- e. In the autumn of 1951 a car which was on its way from Campulung, to distribute medical supplies in the mountainous area to the north and west of the town was attacked by partisans. The medical supplies were stolen and the pharmacist who was accompanying the consignment was arrested subsequently.

- f. In July, 1952 a magnificent newly-built sports center with hotel, skating rink, ski-lifts, et cetera, at Poiana Stalin, near Stalin (Brasov), was completely gutted by fire. This was generally believed to have been the work of partisans. No mention of the fire appeared in the Rumanian press.

- g. About the end of September, 1952, a serious railway accident took place when two trains were involved in a collision on the Cernavoda railway bridge across the Danube on the Bucharest/Constanta main line. Traffic was interrupted for two days. After the accident all railway employees on the Lehliu/Constanta section of the railway who were connected with the organization of the train schedules, were arrested.

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[redacted] No announcement was made in the press almost certain that it was a case of sabotage.

- h. The head of the Aviation Sanitaire (Air Health Service) of the Ministry of Public Health, a former Rumanian Air Force officer [redacted] said [redacted] that partisans were still active in the Muscel Mountains near Campulung. This official was a climbing enthusiast and was in the habit of taking young enthusiasts from the Ministry of Public Health on climbing expeditions at week-ends. He and some friends were sheltering one night in a hut in the Muscel Mountains [redacted] when a group of about 10 partisans, armed with pistols, broke in and forcibly removed their supplies of food and clothing. They asked the climbers whether any of them was a Communist, to which the reply was in the negative. The partisans did not attempt to harm anybody and departed swiftly. The person said to be in charge of the partisans in this area is Arsenescu, a well-known former colonel of the Royal Rumanian Army, a native of Campulung.

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2. At Communist Party meetings [redacted] reference was frequently made to partisan bands and to the [redacted] who were aiding them. The partisans are not identified in the public mind with any particular political party, and are said to consist chiefly of former service officers and dispossessed Kulaks. They are certainly not associated nowadays with the Iron Guard or Horia Sima. Members of the Iron Guard were active immediately after the war and severe measures against them were taken by the police (e.g., members of the Iron Guard were not allowed to occupy important posts). The Iron Guard, as such, is no longer popular in Rumania and is seldom mentioned.

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3. [REDACTED] 25X1

4. In general, anti-regime feeling is strongest in the country districts as the supply of food, clothing and consumer goods is worse than in the towns, and heavy taxes in kind are levied on the peasants. Formerly food was, as might be expected, more plentiful in the country, but the agricultural population now see their produce being commandeered for dispatch to the industrial areas. It is widely believed that food is also being sent to the USSR and thence even to Korea,

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5. [REDACTED] the following areas where [REDACTED] latent opposition to the regime to be strongest; 25X1

- a. Banat - particularly in the immediate vicinity of the Yugoslav frontier. Many Serbs live here and their sympathies lie more with Yugoslavia than with Rumania. [REDACTED] in the frontier town of Turnu Severin [REDACTED] saw a large slogan painted on the walls of the naval dockyard "ZHIVI TITO" (Long Live Tito);

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- b. Savarsin and Faget - the King's private estate was located near Savarsin, and the majority of the rural population of the district is still loyal to him. He used to treat his employees extremely well.

- c. Vrancea Mountains - This is a very wild region to the west of Focsani.

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The people are hostile and suspicious of visiting officials.

6. [REDACTED] no active resistance to collectivization measures during the last two years, although it was wide-spread earlier. In 1949 or early 1950 the mayor of Vanju Mare was found murdered in the street; he is said to have been killed by local peasants, whom he had tried to collectivize. In 1950 many peasants were arrested in the Vlasca region for refusing to comply with collectivization orders.

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7. There have been several mass arrests of Rumanians during the last few years. They usually take place on the eve of the Communist celebration days of 1 May and 7 November [REDACTED] The persons arrested are of all ages and classes, but consist mainly of former political leaders and public officials of the old regime. The arrests are not confined to the country, but also take place in Bucharest. Most of the victims are sentenced to forced labor, particularly on the Danube-Black Sea Canal. Political prisoners in general are more closely guarded than criminals and are, often kept separate from the latter. The authorities know that criminals (thieves, burglars, et cetera) are more experienced in evading the law and sometimes have secret means of contact with the outside world. Consequently, they fear that, if both types of prisoners are mixed, the former will try to help the latter either to escape or communicate with their friends outside.

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8. In 1950 some 50,000 Rumanians, described as "bourgeois elements", were deported from the area of the Yugoslav frontier between the towns of Pecica and Vanju Mare, and resettled in the Ialomita region in the so-called "eleven new villages".

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